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ACTION

June 21, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL HAIG
FROM: TOM LATIMER
SUBJECT: FBI Participation in NSC Intelligence Committee

John Ehrlichman has responded (Tab A) to your memorandum of 29 May (Tab B) asking for his view on adding an FBI representative to the NSC Intelligence Committee. Your memorandum also suggested that the NSC Intelligence Committee: oversee the FBI's counterintelligence and counterspionage activities; make certain that there is an effective FBI program for the collection of foreign intelligence domestically; and ensure full coordination between the Bureau and CIA in these matters.

In his memorandum to you, John Ehrlichman agrees with the idea of inviting an FBI representative to participate in the NSC Intelligence Committee in order to improve coordination and cooperation between the CIA and the FBI.

He believes, however, that it should be made clear that the oversight responsibility of the Intelligence Committee extends only to the cooperation and coordination aspects of the CIA and FBI counterintelligence and counterspionage activities and not to the activities themselves. This, he says, will ensure the fullest participation by both.

Ehrlichman also suggests that David Young sit in on meetings of the Intelligence Committee which deal with these matters since he has been doing some work in this area.

It is clear from Ehrlichman's memo that he does not want HAK overseeing FBI activities now that there is a new leadership in the Bureau. Nevertheless, his agreement that HAK oversee coordination between CIA and the FBI leaves plenty of room to make sure that there is some improvement in that whole area.

Our next step probably ought to be to put the subject of FBI-CIA coordination in counterintelligence and counterspionage on the agenda of an NSC

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Intelligence Committee meeting and ask Acting Director Gray to bring along an FBI representative to the meeting. Russ Ash, Andy Marshall and I should be able to provide HAK with some talking points for such a meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Andy Marshall, in coordination with Russ and myself, prepare an item for the Intelligence Committee on this subject.

Approve ✓

Disapprove _____

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRIG. GEN. ALEXANDER M. HAIG
FROM: JOHN D. EHRLICHMAN
SUBJECT: FBI PARTICIPATION IN NSC
INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Reference your attached memorandum of May 29.

I agree with your suggestion that an FBI representative be invited to participate in the new NSC Intelligence Committee with a view to improving coordination and cooperation between the FBI and the CIA. I believe, however, that to ensure the fullest participation by both the Agency and the Bureau it should be made clear that the oversight responsibility of the Committee extends only to the cooperation and coordination aspects of their counterintelligence and counterespionage activities and not to the activities themselves.

I would also like to suggest that it might be helpful if we had David Young sit in on these meetings since he has been doing some work in this area.

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May 29, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN EHRLICHMAN
FROM: AL HAIG 
SUBJECT: Overview of the FBI's Domestic Collection of Foreign Intelligence, Counter-intelligence and Counterespionage

As you know, we had several exchanges with John Mitchell while he was Attorney General about the possibility of putting the overview of certain internal security programs under the NSC. However, we were unable to reach a final agreement as to which programs could best be conducted under the aegis of the NSC.

It occurs to me that now might be a good time to consider taking steps both to improve our counterintelligence and counterespionage programs and to improve coordination and cooperation between the FBI and CIA. One step might be to add an FBI representative to the new NSC Intelligence Committee which would then add to its responsibilities the overseeing of the FBI's counterintelligence and counterespionage activities. It would also make certain that there is an effective FBI program for the collection of foreign intelligence domestically. The NSCIC would also be in a position to ensure full coordination between the Bureau and the Agency in these matters.

I would appreciate having your views on this suggestion.

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